

In the United States Patent and Trademark Office

**In re: U.S. Patent Application entitled:
"UNDERMOUNT DRAWER SLIDE"**


(Accompanying application)

February 19, 2004

To: Office of Initial Patent Examination

37 CFR 1.47 Petition to Allow Application with Unsigned Inventor

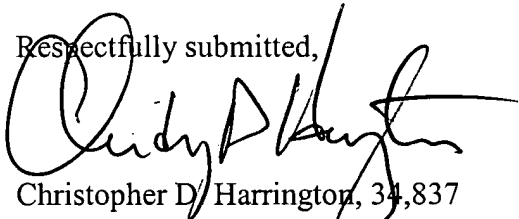
The Petitioner is the former employer of the sole named inventor of the subject invention, Kent Clifton Garcie, Jr., whose employment with Hardware Resources ended prior to the filing of the present Application. As a result of this situation, the inventor and his employer are no longer on speaking terms and given the rancor that exists between the two, no cooperation can presently be requested from the inventor in executing any of the required documents for the Application.

For this reason, and as supported in the attached Affidavit from Hardware Resources, the Petitioner respectfully requests that prosecution of the subject Application be allowed  without the signature of the unsigned inventor and that the filing date thereof be granted

as of the date of receipt of this Petition and accompanying Application and supporting documents and forms.

Enclosed herein, please find the appropriate fee for this Petition as required under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher D. Harrington", written over the typed name.

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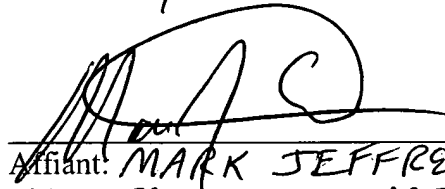
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1. I am a representative of Hardware Resources, the former employer of Kent Garcie, Jr., and I am familiar with the facts of his separation from the Company and the circumstances relating to a request to acquire his signature for a patent application entitled, "Undermount Drawer Slide."
2. Kent Garcie was employed as a design engineer and CAD draftsman by the Company. His job duties included the design and development of a new undermount drawer slide product for the Company. He did develop this product, which included several innovations, and it was determined that the Company would like to protect this design and its investment in the work that Kent had performed as part of his employment.
3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Mr. Garcie did not remain employed with the Company until such time as the application could be filed. Unexpectedly, the Company found that it was necessary to terminate Mr. Garcie's employment (for reasons unrelated to this application) and this termination occurred on or about February 17, 2004.
4. Given the nature of the termination, and the fact that the parties are no longer on speaking terms, there is no possible way that any cooperation

can be obtained from Mr. Garcie with respect to executing the required paperwork for presentment with the patent application materials. Under the circumstance, the Company is constrained from contacting Mr. Garcie and is not able to transact or conduct any sort of business with him at all.

5. The Company, Hardware Resources, has been the employer of Mr. Garcie, at all times relevant to the development and perfection of the subject invention. Hardware Resources is the whole and complete owner of any and all interests in the invention, both with respect to the conditions of employment and also with respect to the mutual understandings of the parties. There is/are no other inventor(s).

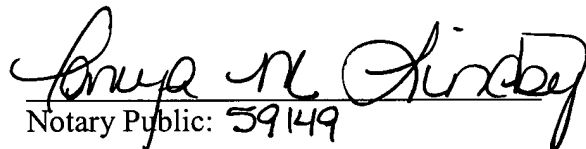
Dated: 2/23, 2004



Affiant: MARK JEFFREY LOWE
Title: PRESIDENT, HARDWARE RESOURCES

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The undersigned, made known to me on this 23rd, day of February, 2004, did execute and sign this Affidavit as indicated above:


Notary Public: 59149

TANYA M. LINDSEY
Notary Public, Bossier Parish, LA
My Commission Is For Life

My Commission Expires:
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